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DETERMINING A SEED VIGOR  
INDEX FROM GERMINATING  
SEEDLINGS BY AUTOMATIC  
SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED  
SEEDLINGS

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 31, 2003,  
Applicants are resubmitting the **Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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